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Jorge Ayala
Regional Director
U.S. Economic Development Administration
903 San Jacinto, Suite 206
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Dear Mr. Ayala:

I am pleased to offer my full support for the City of Tishomingo's application for Economic Development Administration assistance to help build a new water treatment plant. The current water treatment plant, built more than 50 years ago, is operating under a consent order from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. The demand for water peaks at 800,000 gallons per day from a plant that was originally designed for 600,000 gallons. Tishomingo has more than 3,000 residents with more than 1,200 water taps.

Tishomingo has suffered from "persistent poverty" for some time, and even now, the unemployment rate is twice the national average. The new water treatment plant design is at a cost of just under \$12,000,000. The grant funding would help to fund a portion of the new treatment plant and supply water that would provide health benefits and spur economic growth.

New businesses have been unable to locate to the City of Tishomingo simply because there is not currently enough fresh water. The new water treatment plant would produce 1 million gallons per day and would provide Tishomingo not only the opportunity to attract new business and jobs, but would also allow existing businesses an exciting opportunity to expand.

I thank you in advance for your positive consideration of the City of Tishomingo's application. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can answer any questions or be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator